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**REMARKS**A. Period For Reply

This is a Supplemental Amendment requested by the Examiner on August 26, 2005.

B. Status

The case is pending.

C. Disposition Of Claims

Claims 1-4 and 13-18 are pending.

D. Application Papers

On page 2 of the Office Action of 3/28/05, the formal drawings (submitted with the filing of this case on December 21, 2000) were approved. This is appreciated.

E. Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

Acknowledgement of the claim for foreign priority would be appreciated.

Receipt of the certified copy was acknowledged on page 2, lines 1-2 of the Office Action of January 15, 2004.

As to domestic priority, this case does not claim domestic priority.

F. Attachments

Applicant filed two PTO-1449 forms in this case (one with the filing of this case on December 21, 2000 and one on February 17, 2003). These PTO-1449 forms were signed and all of the references listed on the forms were initialed by the Patent Office. This is very much appreciated.

G. Basis for amendments

Basis for the amendment to the specification is

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provided in Exhibit A, a letter faxed to the Examiner on August 26, 2005 (attached, two pages).

I. Phone conferences with Examiner

Examiner Manoharan called the undersigned on Tuesday, August 23, 2005. Exhibit A is a summary of the phone conference.

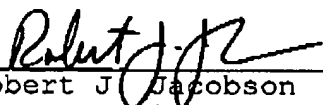
Examiner Manoharan called the undersigned on Friday, August 26, 2005 and requested that the undersigned file a Supplemental Amendment as to above made Specification Amendment.

J. Summary

Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully invited to make contact with the undersigned by telephone if such would advance prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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